Proposal received from Andhra Pradesh Government regarding Telugu Ganga

1856. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when was the first proposal of Telugu Ganga was received from Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(b) how many times clarifications were sought, the details thereof and at what stage the consideration is pending?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) For the first time, detailed project report of Telugu Ganga Project estimated to cost Rs. 636.53 crores was received in Central Water Commission in December, 1983.

(b) while revised project report for Rs. 843.27 crores was received in January 1986, however, techno-economic examination of the project has been completed for an estimated cost of Rs. 858.01 crores. For establishing techno-economic viability the Andhra Pradesh Government was required to comply with 43 observations of Central Water Commission. The project was put up to the Advisory Committee for consideration in its meeting held in April, 1988. But the consideration of the project was deferred as its inter-aspects had not been cleared. The project was also cleared from environment and forest angles in October, 1988. The three States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra have decided to resolve the inter-State issues among themselves. The concerned Chief Ministers have met twice in April and August 1990 and agreed to meet again in November 1990. That meeting was postponed. No date for next meeting has been fixed by them.

Modernisation of Mankhurd-Belapur-Panvel railway line

1857. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to modernise Mankhurd-Belapur-Panvel railway line for suburban commuter services;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) (i) Work for construction of Mankhurd-Belapur double-track railway line (18 km length) for running of suburban commuter services has already been taken up.

(ii) A single-track goods siding from Belapur to Panvel (11 km length) is under construction as a deposit work for City & Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) of the State Govt. of Maharashtra.

(iii) Belapur-Panvel being a goods siding, under construction at the cost and behest of CIDCO, there is at present no proposal with the Railways to upgrade the same for running of suburban commuter services.

Charging of market rent from retired senior officers

1858. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the cases pertaining to the charging of market rent from the occupants/senior retired officers of bungalos and premises which were vacated or who were evicted in the year 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of those officers who were evicted had been given extension of time by the then Government due to their engagements in Government jobs even after their retirement;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to charge only normal rent for their stay instead of market rents?